
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 147—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 28, 2005

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Requires payment of registration fees and costs at University and Community College System of Nevada for certain persons formerly in foster care. (BDR 34-1065)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to higher education; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to pay the registration fees and other related costs at the University and Community College System of Nevada for certain persons who were formerly in foster care in this State; creating a Trust Fund for the Education of Persons Formerly in Foster Care to be administered by the Board of Regents; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides for free tuition for resident students of the University and
2 Community College System of Nevada but does not prohibit the imposition of
3 registration fees and other costs to resident students. (NRS 396.540) Existing law
4 also establishes a program for the payment of registration fees and related costs for
5 dependent children of police officers, highway patrol officers, firemen and
6 volunteer ambulance drivers or attendants who are killed in the line of duty.
7 (NRS 396.545)

8 This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to pay the
9 registration fees and other related costs for courses taken by students who are
10 enrolled in the University and Community College System of Nevada who attained
11 the age of 18 years while in foster care in this State. Payments will not be made for
12 a course that is taken after a student reaches 23 years of age.

13 This bill creates in the State Treasury the Trust Fund for the Education of
14 Persons Formerly in Foster Care. The Board of Regents administers the Fund and
15 may accept gifts and grants for deposit in the Fund.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board of Regents shall pay all registration fees, laboratory fees and expenses for required textbooks and course materials assessed against or incurred by persons who attained the age of 18 years while children in foster care in this State for classes taken toward satisfying the requirements of an undergraduate degree at a school within the University and Community College System of Nevada. No such payment may be made for any fee assessed after the person reaches the age of 23 years.

2. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a Trust Fund for the Education of Persons Formerly in Foster Care. The Board of Regents shall administer the Trust Fund. The Board of Regents may accept gifts and grants for deposit in the Trust Fund. All money held by the State Treasurer or received by the Board of Regents for that purpose must be deposited in the Trust Fund. The money in the Trust Fund must be invested as the money in other state funds is invested. After deducting all applicable charges, all interest and income earned on the money in the Trust Fund must be credited to the Trust Fund.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

